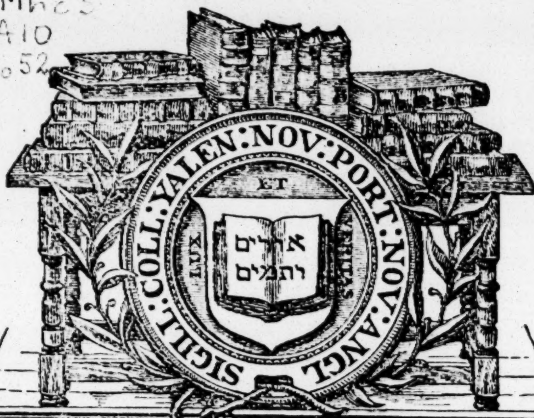


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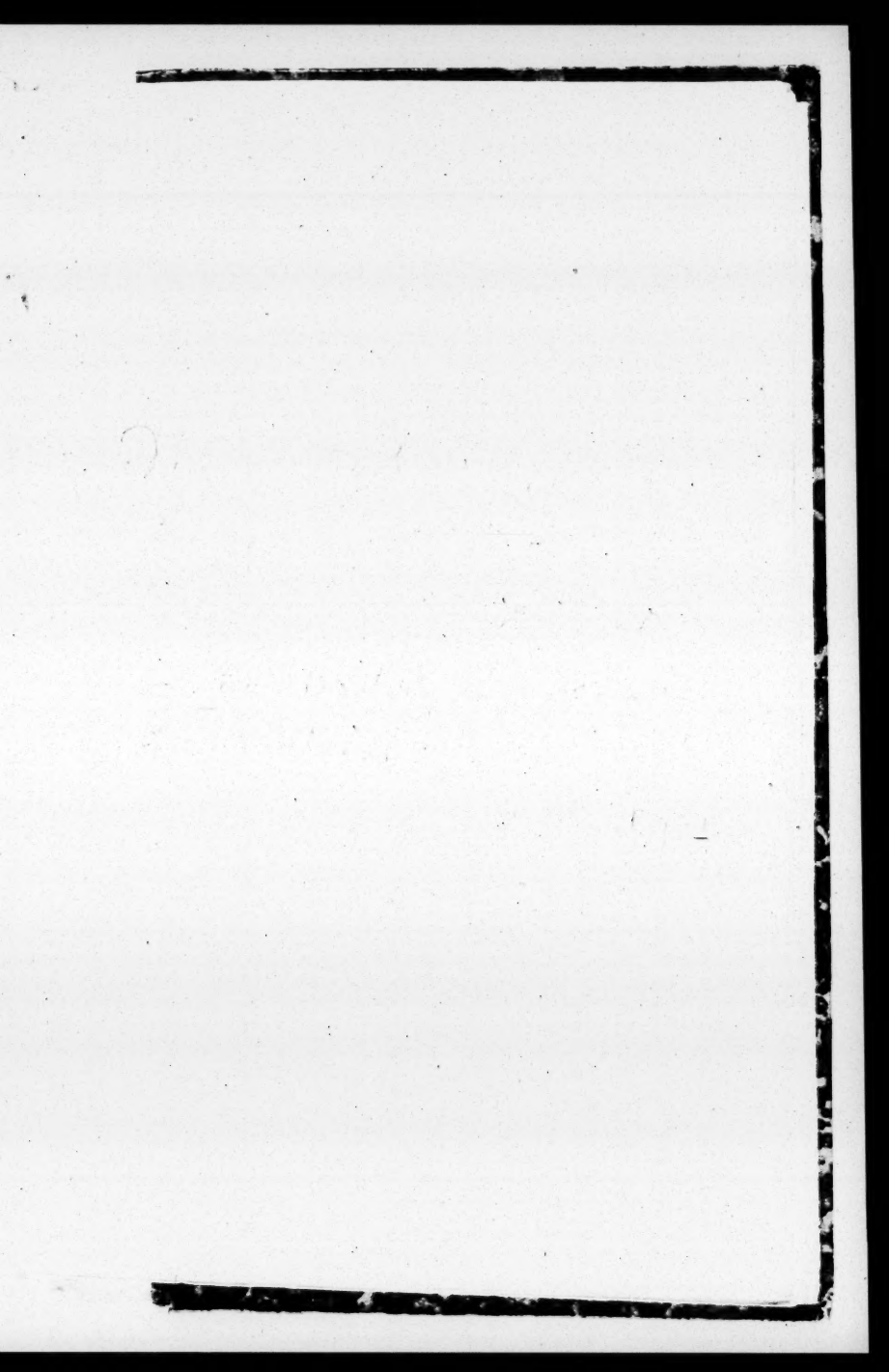
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ly true God, and Jesus Christ whom
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The Danger and mischief of Ignorance.

By way of Preface to the
READER.

1.  *Most people perish for lack
of knowledge, Hosea,*
4. 6.

2. *If our Gospell
be Hid, it is Hid to
them that are Lost ; in whom the God of
this world hath blinded their mindes,
lest the Light of the Gospell of Iesus
Christ should shine unto them, 2. Cor.*
4. 3, 4.

3. *It is a People of no understanding,
therefore he that made them will not
have mercy on them and he that formed
e 1 3 them,*

them, will shew them no Favour, Esai,
6. 11.

4. They walke in the vanity of their
mindes, having their understanding
Darkened, and are Alienated from the
Life of God, through the Ignorance that
is in them, Eph. 4. 1.

5. He that refuseth Instruction, de-
spiseth his owne Soule, Pro. 15. 32.
And who so despiseth the Word, shall
be destroyed, Pro. 13. 13.

Promises made to the Ignorant,
That are willing to
Learne.

Luk. 4. 18. He sent me (saith Christ)
to Recover sight to the Blind.

Es 42. 8. Bring forth the Blinde
People that have eyes, and the Deaf that
have Eares.

Mark. 4. 24. To you that hear shall
more be given.

Pro. 2. 3, 4, 5. If thou Cryest after
knowledge, and appliest thy Hart to un-
derstanding,

derstanding, if thou seek her as Sylver,
and search for her as hid Treasures, then
shall thou understand the fear of the
Lord, and finde the knowledge of God,
when knowledge is pleasant to the soule,
then shall understanding keep thee, to
deliver thee from the way of evil Men,
vers. 10.

Pro. 1. 22, 23. How long yee simple
ones will ye love simplicity, and Fooles
hate knowledge, turne you at my reproof,
behold I will Powere out my spirit unto
you, I will make knowne my words un-
to you.


Iam. 1. 5. If any of you lack wise-
dome, let him aske of God, who giveth
Liberally, and upbraideth not.

El. 55. 5, 8. Then the Eyes of the
Blind shall be opened, and the Eares of
the deaf shall be unstopped, and the Fool
shall not erre in the path of holynesse.

Ioh. 7. 17. If any man will do his
will, He shall know of my Doctrine.



The lowest degree of knowledge, requisite to the receiving of the *Lords Supper*. For the help of the *Weake* and *Unlearned*.

Q. ow many Gods be there?

A. Only one God in Nature, distinct in three Persons: [and this one true God, is the Creator and Governour of all things.

The Trini-
ty.

Q. How be the Persons called?

A. God the *Father*, God the
Son,

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Sonne, and God the Holy Ghost.
[*And yet not three God's, but one God.*]

Q. *Which of those three Persons is Iesus Christ?*

A. The second Person.

Q. *Is Christ God, or a Man?*

A. He is both *God* and *Man* in one Person: *God* from all Eternity, and *Man* in the fullnesse of Time.

Incarnation of Chr.

Q. *What is the State of all men that are born into the World?*

A. A state of sin and damnation, For by nature I am the child of wrath, and voyd of all goodnesse.

Q. *What is sin.*

A. It is a transgression of the Law, and a swerving from the will of God.

Fall and misery of Man.

Q. *How came sin into the world, seeing God at first made man upright?*

A. By

(3)

A. By the first sin of *Adam*, and *Eve*, in the eating of the forbidden fruit.

Q. What is the punishment due to all sin and sinners?

A. The wrath of God, and Eternall Death in Hell fire.

Q. By what meanes doe you hope to be delivered from that Curse?

Deliver.
ance by
Christ

A. Only by Iesus Christ the Eternall Sonne of God, who came into the World to save sinners.

Q. What hath he done to save you from your finnes?

A. By his death he made satisfaction to the Law and Justice of God for all my finnes. [He was made a Curse for me, to deliver me from the Curse of the Law.]

Q. What particular benefits hath a beleiver by the death of Christ?

A. By

A. By it I have forgivenesse of finnes, the favour of God here, and everlasting life hereafter.

Q. By what means are you made partakers of these benefits?

A. Only by faith in Christ *ie.* Meanes of getting in-
to Christ. by which I am justified and saved.

Q. Seeing all men that are born into the world, are thus sinfull and accursed, untili they be regenerated and made Members of Christ by Faith; tell me next by what meanes is Faith and Regeneration wrought in your soules?

A. By the ministry of the Word, by which a sinner is turned from Darkenesse to Light, and from the power of Satan unto God.

Q. How many parts be there of God's Word, working your conversion?

A. Two

A. Two, the Law and the Gospel.

Q. *How does the Ministry of the Law work towards your conversion?*

A. It pricketh my Conscience with the sight of my finnes, and laies home the Curse of God upon me for the same, and so drives me to Christ for help.

Q. *How does the preaching of the Gospell worke upon your hart to turne you to God?*

A. It shewes me the free and rich love of God in Christ towards every humbled soul, and so drawes my heart to come unto him, and to rest on him for salvation.

Q. *May he that is a beleiver live how he list?*

Tit. 3. 8.

A. No; For they which beleive in God, must be carefull to maintaine good workes.

Q. The

Q. The Rule of holy life is summed up in the ten Commandments, tell me these what doe the four first Commandments teach us?

Life of the Believer.

A. To love and fear the Lord our God above all things; and to give Divine Worship and Service unto him alone, and in such manner as he hath appoynted in His Word.

Q. What doe the six last Commandments require.

A. That I should love my neighbour as my selfe, and whatsoever I would that men should do to me, even so ought I to do to them.

Q. Are the Creed and Ten Commandments to be used as prayers?

A. No, But in praying we beg strength to beleive that which is contained in the Creed, and grace to practise that which is contained in the Tenne Commandments.

Q. How

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Q. How many Sacraments be there of the New Testament?

A. Two: Baptisme, and the Sacraments Supper of the Lord.

Q. What is a Sacrament?

A. It is an outward token and Seale of Gods Favour, doing away our sinnes through the death of Christ, [Or it is a seale of the Covenant of Grace, made to us, and established in the death of Christ.]

Q. Whats the outward signe in the Lords Supper?

A. Bread and Wine given and received as Christ hath appoynted.

Q. What is the thing signified by the Bread and Wine?

A. The Body and Blood of Christ crucified.

Q. Why was this Sacrament ordained, for what end and use?

A. To

A. To preserve the memory,
and to shew forth the vertue of
Christs Death, untill His com-
ing again.

*Q. How doth this Bread and
Wine differ from that which we eat
and drink at our own Tables.*

A. That Bread and Wine is
for the nourishment of our bodies
But this in the Sacrament serves to
represent and seal unto us Christs
Death.

*Q. Are all that receive the Sa-
crament partakers of Christ's
Death?*

A. No, only such as be wor-
thy Receivers: The rest Receive
meere Bread and Wine to their
owne Destruction.

*Of worthy
Receivers.*

*Q. Who then be the worthy re-
ceivers?*

A. They who having exami-
ned themselves, do truly repent of
their

their finnes, and beleive on Christ by a lively Faith.

Q. What is Faith?

A. It is a resting of the humbled soule upon the *Promises of salvation*, made to us in Jesus Christ.

Q. What is Repentance?

A. A Godly sorrow for sinne, whereby I turne from sinne, to Walke with God in newnesse of Life.

Q. How will you know your faith to be sound, and better then the faith of Hypocrites?

Triall of
Faith and
repentance

A. Because it purifieth my heart, and maketh me to obey the whole will of God out of the love that I beare to him.

Q. How know you that your repentance is sound and true?

A. If I make Conscience of sin, because it is sinne, then it is true.

Q. What

Q. What promises hath God made to them that beleive and Repent!

A. God hath said I will be mercifull to their unrighteousnesse, & their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

Q. What else hath he promised them?

A. They shall not perish, but have life everlasting.

Q. Who be they that make a right use of the Lords Supper?

A. He that is thereby Confirmed in faith, & increaseth in grace and newnesse of life.

Q. Had this world ever a beginning?

A. Yes, in the beginning God Created the Heavens and the Earth of nothing, in the space of six daies.

Q. Shall this world ever have an end?

A. Yes,

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A. Yes, and then Christ shall come in Glory to judge all men that ever were, or shall be.

State of
men after
Death.

Q. Shall the Dead rise out of their Graves, and live again?

A. Yes, at the last day all shall come againe with their owne Bodies.

Q. what shall become of the wicked, and unbelievers?

A. They shall be cast into hell with the Divell, and his Angells.

Q. what shall become of the Godly, and believers?

A. They shall go into Heaven, there to enjoy God in happinesse for evermore.

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